THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Phase III clinical trial of a candidate Microbicide "6% Cellulose Sulphate" was being conducted in India (at YRG Care, Chennai and St. John's Medical College, Bangalore), South Africa, Benin and Uganda.

(c) and (d) The Independent Data Monitoring Committee (IDMC) decided to halt the trial after interim analysis, as it was revealed that the incidence of HIV in the women using Microbicide was higher as compared to control group.

Patients at AIIMS

1279. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many patients used to come to AIIMS daily on an average ten years ago;

(b) what was the patient-doctor ratio then and how many patients come to AIIMS as on date;

(c) what is the patient-doctor ratio as on date;

(d) how doctors would attend to this large number of patients effectively;

(e) whether it is a fact that large numbers of doctors have left AIIMS and more are on the verge of leaving;

(f) what are the reasons for this and the measures to remedy this situation; and

(g) whether this would affect research and development since this is a prestigious institution to conduct R&D in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.